

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

44. (Twice Amended) A hand-held electric sealer comprising

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- a) a housing,
 - b) a press bar having a free end, said press bar being pivotally connected to said housing,
 - c) a metal press plate remote from said free end of said press bar for normally biasing said press bar in an open position, wherein said metal press plate is secured to said press bar,
 - d) a heating unit,
 - e) a source of current, and
 - f) circuitry electrically connecting said heating unit and said source of current, wherein said circuitry is normally in an open state,

wherein when said free end of said press bar is pivoted downwardly said metal press plate switches said circuit from an open state to a closed state [causes said circuit to close].